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Congressmen visit Sicily to discover Sigonella and its Sailors

By JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

A congressional delegation visited Naval Air Station Sigonella on May 26 through 29 to tour the "Hub of the Med."

Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-MI), chairman of the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction (MILCON), Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA), Rep. Ron Lewis (R-KY) and Rep. Robin Hayes (R-NC) all viewed Sigonella's facilities and recapitalization improvements that have been made or are still ongoing throughout the base.

The congressmen also had a chance to sit down to some Navy chow at the NAS II galley with some of their constituents.

Knollenberg, who oversees funding for military construction projects in the U.S. and overseas, military family housing operations and construction and the bulk of base realignment and closure costs) viewed many of the new facilities along with the other congressmen. The delegation toured the new administration building, new chapel and community center and also took a look at where the Sailors and their family members live in the housing areas.

They were also exposed to more quality of life improvements made at NAS Sigonella such as the new DoDDS kindergarten, Navy Exchange and Commissary.

"You're making some great improvements here," Lewis said. "I think it's appropriate. We ask you young men and women to go to different parts of the world to live. So I think to have the kind of housing, dining facilities, exchange and everything that you're now getting here... you more than deserve that and hopefully the improvements will continue to be made."

"I'm very keen on trying to build good quality housing and good quality facilities because I think that's going to help the retention and morale of the troops," said Farr, who serves on the MILCON appropriations committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. "On the other hand, I served in the Peace Corps so I'm always interested in making sure that we always have strong cross-cultural relationships. I think you can't try to build a fortress America without being sensitive to what the negative reaction may be in the host country. So I'm always trying to encourage and do as much as we can to be good neighbors in the country we're in."

Lewis got to meet a Sailor from a

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U.S. Rep. Ron Lewis, representative of the 2nd Congressional District of Kentucky, talks with Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Spencer Keck, a native of Kentucky, after having lunch in the base galley. U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg of Michigan's 9th District, Sam Farr of California's 17th District, Robin Hayes of North Carolina's 8th District and Lewis toured NAS Sigonella and had lunch with Sailors from their respective congressional districts.

Dangerous driving habits highlight Safety Standdown

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Staff Writer

The number of vehicular accidents and driving under the influence (DUI) incidents here were again a major concern during the safety standdown in the NAS Sigonella theater held the week of May 24 - 28.

NAS Sigonella holds week-long mandatory safety stand downs semiannually in an effort to increase awareness and encourage personnel to behave

responsibly.

Lt. Steve Curry of the NAS Sigonella Safety Steering Committee got the attention of many in the audience when he outlined some of the committee's proposals for decreasing the number of accidents and DUIs on base, including the possibility of driving age limits.

"Most of the accidents we have at Sigonella happen to people in the 18 - 24 year-old age group," said Curry. "An age limit for driving here is one of the proposals we are considering."

Curry also said that the committee is considering recommending that anyone whose license is suspended be given a special temporary identification card that, when they enter the base, will immediately show that they are driving on a suspended license. Curry called on the audience to submit its own ideas to the committee on how to stem the flow of accidents.

The committee recently conducted random vehicle checks, during which they monitored traffic on NAS I and NAS II for moving violations. One of the troubling findings of the checks was that of 460 vehicles checked 106 passengers were not wearing seatbelts. Navy bases Traffic safety, page 17



In a recent random traffic check on NAS II 17 tickets were issued including 25 for not wearing seat belts.



Direct Line

Capt. T.L. Davison
NASSIG

Commanding Officer

Memorial Day is over and the summer has officially begun. The sun, fun and neighborhood get-togethers are all starting. With that in mind, I wanted to write on summer safety and how we can keep our people safe while having a great time.

The Naval Safety Center has these safety tidbits for more fun in the sun!

- The sun is nice to be out in but you have to take a few important precautions to stay safe.
- Use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15.
- Some types are waterproof, but even so, you should reapply the sunscreen every two hours.
- Use sunscreen on cloudy days, too.
- It may be slightly uncomfortable in the heat, but you should wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Also put on a hat with a large brim and sunglasses.
- If you have a choice, stay in the shade. Beach umbrellas will protect you from some of the sun exposure. They are actually very comfortable on sunny days.
- Remember that children's skin is even more sensitive than yours. They can start wearing sunscreen by the time they are six months old. Even so, minimize their exposure.
- The sun is strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Hit the beach early, use the main part of the day for other activities, then go back later in the afternoon.

Grilling is a good way to get the neighbors together. Here are some tidbits for grilling safely:

- Place grill in a well-ventilated area and away from the children's play area.
- Wear tight fitting clothing.
- Loose clothing could easily catch on fire.
- Stand up wind from the grill when lighting the fire.
- Stay by your grill...don't leave the grill unattended.

Bicycle safety is a must during these summer months.

- Wear a helmet and comfortable, brightly colored clothing.
- Wear a reflective vest from dusk until dawn and use lights and reflectors from dusk until dawn.
- Ride with a basic tool kit, basic first-aid kit, and some money for a phone call or a cab ride if you run into trouble.

Never ride off-road alone. Stay off sidewalks. Slow-moving pedestrians are as dangerous to you as you are to them.

- When riding in the street, obey traffic signals and traffic laws. Use hand signals when turning.
- And finally, swimming! Yes, the base pools will be open this summer for your family to enjoy and beat the heat!
- If you're at a pool with children who are either very young or who can't swim, don't leave them alone, even if they aren't in the water.
- If you are taking care of an infant or toddler, don't let them out of arm's reach.
- Learn a little about rescue swimming and take a CPR course. You never know when you might have to rescue someone. Our American Red Cross office can help you.

Make sure you have life preservers handy.

I hope everyone enjoys the summer months here in Sicily. The beaches, the food and the sun! Just remember these few safety tips for a more enjoyable summer.

HEALTHWATCH

The shady side of the sun

Lt. Cmdr. Carolyn McGee, NC

"Welcome to sunny Sicily!" It's a phrase that is heard frequently around NAS I and NAS II. Here in southern Italy, we are exposed to intense sunlight throughout much of the year, especially from May through September.

All this sunlight has many positive aspects. However, it is important to remember that there is a negative side to sun exposure. Skin cancer is a real and constant risk, one that may affect both genders, all ethnicities, and all age groups. Risk factors associated with skin cancer include advancing age, fair skin, light colored hair and eyes, skin that burns or freckles, and a history of a blistering sunburn. However, anyone can develop skin cancer, including people without risk factors. Rates of skin cancer have risen dramatically in the last decade, and it is striking people at younger ages.

Is skin cancer life threatening? That depends on type and degree of advancement.



CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

May 24 — May 30

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 20
- Traffic accident with injuries - 3
- Car break-ins - 4
- DUI - 1
- DUI's 2004 - 13
- DUI's 2003 - 58

There are three types of skin cancer. The most benign is basal cell carcinoma, a minimally invasive, slow growing cancer that is treated with surgical removal. The second, more dangerous type, is squamous cell carcinoma. The third and most deadly type is malignant melanoma, a fast growing cancer that can spread to other body systems. Once this happens, complexity of treatment and mortality rate rise dramatically.

It is important to note that all skin cancers are easily treated and have high cure rates if they are detected early. Everyone can take a proactive role in skin cancer detection through regular self-examinations. The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a yearly skin exam by a medical provider, coupled with monthly self-exams. The self-exam should be done in a well-lit room in front of a large mirror. All surfaces of the skin should be examined, including palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and between fingers and toes. The back is examined using a hand-held mirror. When examining moles, freckles, and other skin spots, remember your ABCD's and look for the following warning signs:

Asymmetry: each half does not match the other

Borders: uneven, notched, scalloped

Color: varied shades of color, including shades of brown or red

Diameter: larger than a pencil eraser

If you detect any of these warning signs, see a provider as soon as possible.

Aside from early detection, the best "cure" for skin cancer is prevention. This can be accomplished through several common sense behaviors. Whenever possible, avoid outdoor activities between the hours of 1000 and 1600. If you are outdoors during these times, seek shade and wear sun protection. Sunscreen should be worn at all times when outdoors. Select one with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher, and one that protects from both UVA and UVB rays. Clothing will also provide excellent sun protection. Wear wide-brimmed or visored hats and long-sleeved shirts, as well as sunglasses

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DOT program pays you to get to work

JOC(SW) Doug Hummel, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove Public Affairs

NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE WILLOW GROVE, Pa. (NNS) — Military members and government employees have until June 3 to submit their applications to participate in the Department of Transportation (DOT) Mass Transit Incentive Program that could save them up to \$100 a month for using an approved means of mass transportation for their daily commute to work.

"This program keeps money in your pocket that you would normally use to get to and from work. So not only do you get paid for working, but, with this program, you really are getting paid while you go to work," said Lt. j. g. Jeffery L. Sain, the station's program coordinator.

To get involved in this program, participants must first enroll by filling out the program's application form

that are available from the station's program coordinator. The applications must be submitted before the deadline because the vouchers, or fare media, are distributed once a quarter. After the form has been approved, DOT will send three months' worth of vouchers that participants can use, like cash, to pay for the mode of mass transportation they use to get to and from work. Approved means of mass transit include: commuter bus, commuter train, subway or light rail, and van pool.

Even though Sain said he has received a lot of phone calls from people who are interested in the program, less than 20 people on station are currently using the program.

"Most of the people who participate in the program here live in Philadelphia," said Sain. "So for these folks who get on the train or ride the bus to the station, it not only saves them money, but it saves them close to an hour of commuting time each

way."

"Before the program started, I was driving my car to work," said Clarence Lacy, a relocation assistance program specialist at the station's Fleet and Family Support Center who now makes his daily commute from Philadelphia on the bus. "My car was always breaking down, so I now have a more reliable form of transportation that saves me a lot of money."

Lacy's monthly bus ticket costs \$100 and is totally covered by the vouchers he gets from the mass transit program.

But for Benecia Dickenson, a budget technician at aircraft intermediate maintenance division, mass transit has been her usual way of getting to work for years.

"I don't own a vehicle, so I take public transportation to get to work anyway," said Dickenson. "But that \$85 a month that I'm now saving by using the program is making a big difference in my monthly budget. Now that I have that transit (voucher), I can go get my pass and not worry if I have enough money in my checking account to pay for it. It's a real benefit."

For more information about the program, go to www.fmo.navy.mil/services/tp.htm.

LCS contract option announced

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Lockheed Martin Corporation — Maritime Systems & Sensors, Moorestown, N.J. (\$46,501,821) and General Dynamics - Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine (\$78,798,188) are each being awarded contract options for final system design with options for detail design and construction of up to two Flight 0 Littoral Combat Ships

(LCS).

"Today's Littoral Combat Ship decision represents an important milestone for the warfighter and the acquisition team," said John Young, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition. "The acquisition team is successfully changing how we buy ships — completing the source selection on schedule and developing affordable designs that can adapt to changing technology."

D. C. WW II Monument and Sicily



By Chaplain
Tim Moore
Command
Chaplain

As Sigonella's celebrated Memorial Day last weekend,

people gathered in

Washington, D.C. to dedicate our National World War II Memorial in honor of the 16 million Americans who served during that war. Part of the D.C. memorial is a field of four thousand gold stars in honor of the 400,000 lives lost in the war. According to the Veteran's Administration, World War II veterans are dying at the rate of 1,075 per day. Korean War vets are being buried at a rate of 305 per day, and those who fought in Vietnam are dying at 200 per day. Called "the greatest generation," the men and women, who fought in and supported World War II, almost to a person admit that "the real heroes are the ones who did not come back."

Here in Sicily we live on a battlefield of that war. In a base library book called The Italian Campaign, we learn about the invasion of Sicily that began on 10 July 1943, code named Operation Husky. "In the initial 48 hours of this first Allied ground operation against Axis-held Europe, no fewer than 80,000 troops, 7,000 vehicles, 300 trucks, 600 tanks and 900 artillery pieces would be landed. It would take 3,300 seagoing craft of all kinds to ferry the invasion force to Sicily." (page 6) "Seven Allied divisions were in the assault wave—two more than would make the

initial landings in Normandy, almost a year in the future." (18) U.S. forces (under Patton and Bradley) moved from Gela to Palermo to Messina and the British forces (Montgomery) went from Syracuse through Catania to Messina. Hundreds of Allied paratroopers were shot down by friendly fire! Throughout Europe an American can find cemeteries that contain the remains of their fellow countrymen, who left their families and loved ones and their farms and cities to travel thousands of miles across the oceans and seas and paid the ultimate price in order to free a people.

Some citizens felt the last thing Washington, D. C. needed was another monument. While stationed in Norfolk and Quantico for close to eight years, I took friends and relatives on tours of our capital and her monuments: Vietnam, Korea, Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, FDR, the Navy Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, to name a few. One friend said, "I think every American should visit D.C." It's true. We need to remember. Monuments help us recall the milestones in our country's history and journey. War monuments show that the true cost of war is not in dollars and cents but in blood and the tragic loss of life, usually the lives of the young generation of a country.

I hope all of us get to see the new monument in D.C. some day. But it's not so much in seeing or looking at it as having the monument move us to remember and pray for those who became something larger than themselves as they fought and, in too many cases, died for freedom. May we never forget.

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass

Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)

Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41*

Stormo Chapel (NAS II)

Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Minoe)

Protestant Traditional Service

Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship

Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Minoe)

Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Muslim Jumuaah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

Weekdays

Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m.

Monday & Tuesday

11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday

(NAS I)

Monday thru Thursday at

11:30 a.m. (NAS II)

Wednesday Protestant Bible

Study

4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)

5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)

For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

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NAVY NEWS

CNO Names 2004 Shore Sailor of the Year

From Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark named Dental Technician 1st Class (SW/AW/FMF) Michele I. Villagran the 2004 CNO Shore Sailor of the Year during a ceremony at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., May 27.

Villagran was chosen from among five nominees and will return to Washington in July to be meritoriously advanced to the rank of chief petty officer along with the Pacific Fleet, Atlantic Fleet and Reserve Force Sailors of the Year.

Before presenting the award, Clark discussed the importance of what each nominated Sailor represents. "These five individuals are living, breathing examples of what covenant leadership and the covenant, the promise, is really all about," said Clark. "They are living proof that when individuals get the chance to make a difference, people will step forward and take advantage of those opportunities. They are living proof of the growth and development concept that we're building our 21st century human resources strategy around."

Clark also recognized all service members who have made the choice of service to their country. "These five individuals represent the thousands who decided to commit themselves to this lifestyle of service," he said. "And that's a special life."

Upon receiving the honor from the CNO, Villagran attributed much of her success to people who have helped her achieve her goals during the first 12 years of her Navy career.

Villagran is currently assigned to Naval Dental Center Northwest in Bremerton, Wash., where she serves as senior enlisted leader for Branch Dental Clinic Bremerton, and as the command career counselor.

Born and raised in Salinas, Calif., Villagran was named as the Pacific Fleet Shore Sailor of the Year earlier this year.

"Not by any means did I get here on my own," said Villagran. "I've been fortunate enough to have great leaders, mentors and wonderful shipmates throughout my career."

She dedicated the moment to her late father, and thanked her husband, along with family and friends, who supported her throughout the year.

Villagran brought the moment into perspective by recognizing those overseas who continue to pay the price for freedom.

"Although this is a very special occasion for each of the Sailors," said Villagran, "let us not forget our military brothers and sisters who are currently deployed abroad defending



DT1(SW/AW/FMF) Michele I. Villagran, center, has been selected as this year's CNO Shore Sailor of the Year during a Pentagon courtyard announcement ceremony. From left is CT1(SW) Michael P. Hettinger, Petty Officer Villagran, AE1(AW) Lisa Ann Patrocky, AW1(AW/NAC/USS) William J. Volk, and AO1(EOD/AW/SW) Richard L. Steele.

freedom and democracy, as well as those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in honor of our great nation."

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Hull Technician Training Brazing New Trails

*By Elizabeth Martinez
Training Support Center Great Lakes Public Affairs*

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (NNS) — The Hull Technician (HT) Ultrasonic Testing (UT) Operator Course recently upgraded its classroom equipment to ensure Sailors are training the way they will fight. The new equipment, which is already being used in the fleet, was installed at the Great Lakes, Ill., training site earlier this year.

The "C" School, held at the Center for Naval Engineering (CNE) Site Great Lakes, teaches HTs to operate ultrasonic testing equipment used to inspect metals and piping in the fleet. As a preventive maintenance measure, ultrasonic testing grades braze bonds on joints, thickness of plates and piping, and weld conditions. The Krautkramer Branson USN-60 is the most state-of-the-art piece of ultrasonic testing equipment available to conduct nondestructive testing of metals.

"This is so important to the fleet," said Chief Hull Technician Floyd Massey, UT phase leader. "These inspections have to be conducted, or mishaps will occur." Massey noted the 1963 sinking of USS Thresher (SSN 593) because of a piping failure. "This is about giving our Sailors the right tools to successfully complete the mission, and part of that is making sure our shipmates get home."

Training commands throughout the fleet are currently looking for new ways to deliver learning to Sailors. Naval Personnel Development Command's Learning Centers, such as CNE, are developing resources to ensure Sailors get the right training at the right time, and Sailors are reaping the rewards. But there is no one solution for every training problem; each has to be evaluated on its own merits.

"We have an excellent training program," said Massey. "The Sailors who come through our doors come to learn, and leave a more valuable asset to the Navy. But all the training in the world, no matter how great it is, will be of no value if the right thing is not taught. In our case, we had to get the best equipment available, or we couldn't arm our HTs to excel."

The ultrasonic testing operator training program is held just three times a year with only eight HT students per class. But the intensive seven-week course does more than just make these Sailors more valuable to the Navy. Accreditation earned for successful completion also makes them more valuable in industry. The accreditation is awarded by the American Society of Nuclear Testing and is typically required for shipyard and nuclear power plant pipe weld inspectors.

"This is the kind of forward thinking we need in our training environment," said Capt. Robert Butler, CNE commanding officer. "It gives Sailors the tools to achieve success and rewards them for their hard work and dedication."

The Energy Block

Water, water, water

This is the energy topic for this week. With the heat, people are stretching out those water hoses and connecting the sprinklers to keep nice green plush yards. The problem occurs when one goes into the house after turning it on. After Three to five hours of watering the grass, some remember to turn off the sprinklers. Others don't and the sprinklers remain on throughout the night wasting a large quantity of water. Leaving the water running while washing your car, dishwashers half-full, washing machines that are set to full load but partially full, are other wasteful habits.

Folks it is the responsibility of everyone to regulate their water use. Neighbors need to remind neighbors when they see water being abused. Maintaining proper water usage during the summer months will help to prevent shortages come August. Last year NASSIG, used approx. 285 million gallons of water or 781,000 gallons per day, not counting the housing areas. The water was drawn from wells and pumped to NAS I and NAS II facilities where it was treated due to the high content of minerals. Now known as potable, or drinking water it is then routed to all the buildings on both bases. This is done at a staggering price of approx. \$4.66 per 1,000 gallons or \$3,262 a day or \$1,190,600 dollars a year.

Some helpful hints

1. Water all plants and grass in the early morning or evenings using the sprinkler for no more than 10 minutes per section of yard. (People, only one inch. of the topsoil has to be watered, the rest is run off. One inch of water per week is the recommended dosage) More water put down does not mean the grass grows faster.

2. We can all save water by installing inexpensive low-faucet aerators for sinks and for showerheads.

3. Take showers instead of baths.

4. If you find any leaks, report them immediately to your maintenance personnel.

5. When brushing teeth or shaving please do not leave water running continually.

Take care and be conservative so that there will be enough water for everyone to enjoy.

*DID YOU KNOW: A dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day.

*DID YOU KNOW: A leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day.

*DID YOU KNOW: The United States uses over 400 billion gallons of water everyday.

Let's use, not abuse

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

Cole returns from deployment

From Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Public Affairs



Sailors from USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) man the rails, as USS Cole (DDG 67) returns from her first six-month deployment, following extensive repairs from a terrorist attack in the port city of Aden, Yemen, October 2000. Reagan is departing Norfolk for her new homeport in San Diego, Calif.

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — USS Cole (DDG 67) returned to its homeport of Norfolk, Va., May 27.

Cole departed along with USS Thorm (DD 988) and USS Gonzalez (DDG 66) Nov. 29.

During the deployment, Cole was part of NATO's Standing Naval Forces Mediterranean (SNFM), serving with nine ships from Germany, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Greece and Turkey. She conducted more than 1,000 vessel queries, served as SNFM Strait of Gibraltar escort commander, and carried out four maritime interdiction boardings in support of the global war on terror.

Cole took part in one of the largest NATO exercises in history, Mare Aperto 2004, and Dogfish 2004. Mare Aperto 2004 included 37 ships from six nations and encompassed every area of surface warfare. Exercise Dogfish, an anti-submarine warfare exercise, included NATO coalition warships and submarines from Germany, Italy, Turkey, Greece, United Kingdom and France.

Cole also visited Souda Bay, Crete; Aksaz, Turkey; Toulon, France; Rota and Valencia, Spain; and Augusta Bay, Cagliari; and Genoa, Italy. Cole Sailors also attended Christmas Eve midnight mass at the Vatican with Pope John Paul II.

Gonzalez and Thorm are scheduled to return to Norfolk May 28.

USS Ronald Reagan bids farewell to Norfolk

From Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) and its 3,000 crew members departed Norfolk Naval Station May 27 at 10 a.m. The Navy's newest nuclear-powered and most technologically-advanced aircraft carrier will be heading for its official homeport at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

Commanded by Capt. James A. Symonds, the ship will be under way for nearly two months while traveling around the tip of South America. Also aboard will be the Reagan Carrier Group staff, led by Rear Adm. Robert T. Moeller, and aircraft from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 11, commanded by Capt. James K. Greene.

The five aircraft squadrons making the transit are the "Tophatters" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 14 flying the F/A-18E, and VFA-41, the "Black Aces", and their F/A-18F aircraft. Both squadrons operate the Super Hornet aircraft and are based at Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.

Also aboard will be Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 117 "Wallbangers" flying the E-2C "Hawkeye" 2000 from Point Mugu, Calif.; the "Indians" of Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS) 6 flying the SH-60F "Seahawk"; and Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 30 "Providers", flying the C-2A "Greyhound", both based in San Diego.

Ronald Reagan was commissioned in Norfolk in July 2003.

News Briefs

Housing announcement

Due to low occupancy rates in government housing newly arriving service members with dependents will be required to move into government housing.

Military families will be given the choice of accepting the longest vacant unit in Mineo or Marinal housing complex, or assignment in either 205 or an outlying complex.

The changes are due to a housing occupancy rate requirement of at least 98 percent. The base currently has a government housing occupancy rate of 82 percent. The occupancy rate is expected to lower further with the opening of 118 new units at Marinal in July.

Members living on the economy who apply for government housing will receive the same housing options as new arrivals. If they don't choose either option they will be removed from the housing list and may reapply after 90 days. In addition those members moving in from the economy will only be moved at their own expense. For more information contact the housing office at 624-4311.

Road closure

A section of the NAS II North Perimeter Road will be closed for approximately four weeks from Monday, 14 June until Monday 12 July for construction work on the new motor vehicle fuel station. The road will be closed between the Public Works Compound and DRMO. An email with a map will be sent out a week before construction begins on the NAS Sigonella Distribution List.

Off Limits

Macintosh Bar and Banquets are now off limits to the entire Sigonella community. The establishments are not safe for Americans based on several incidents that have occurred. The area will be patrolled to ensure compliance with this order.

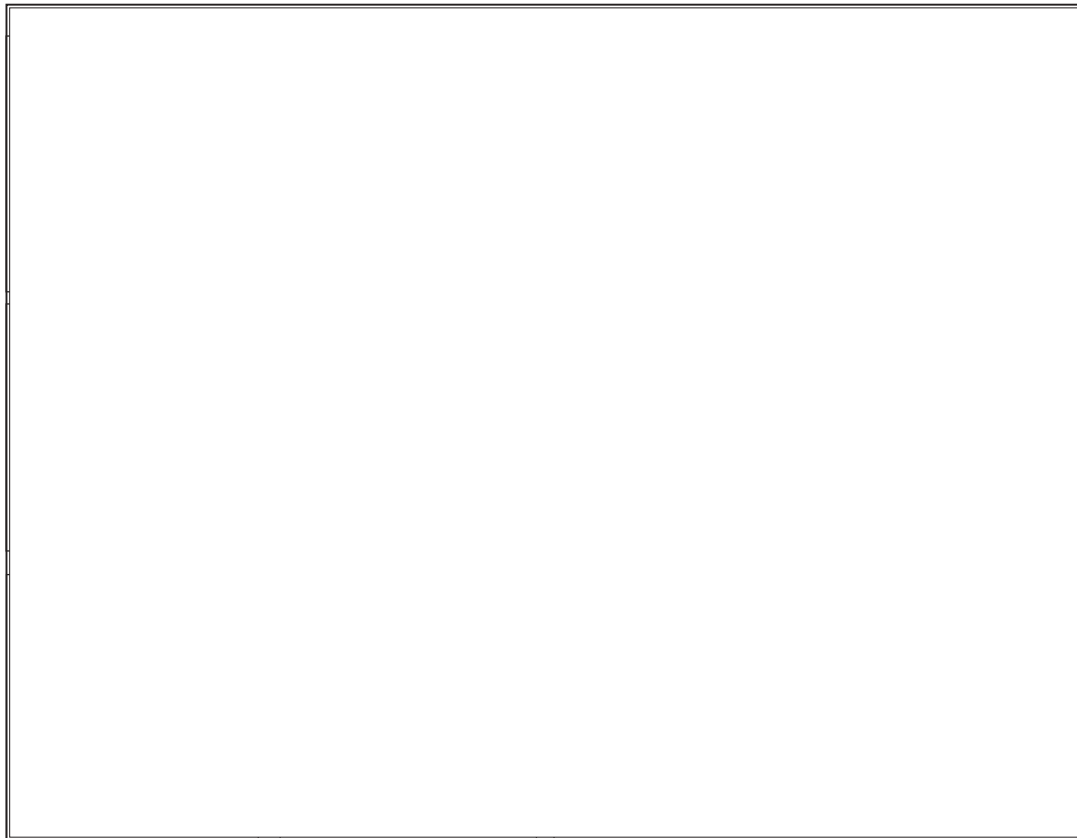
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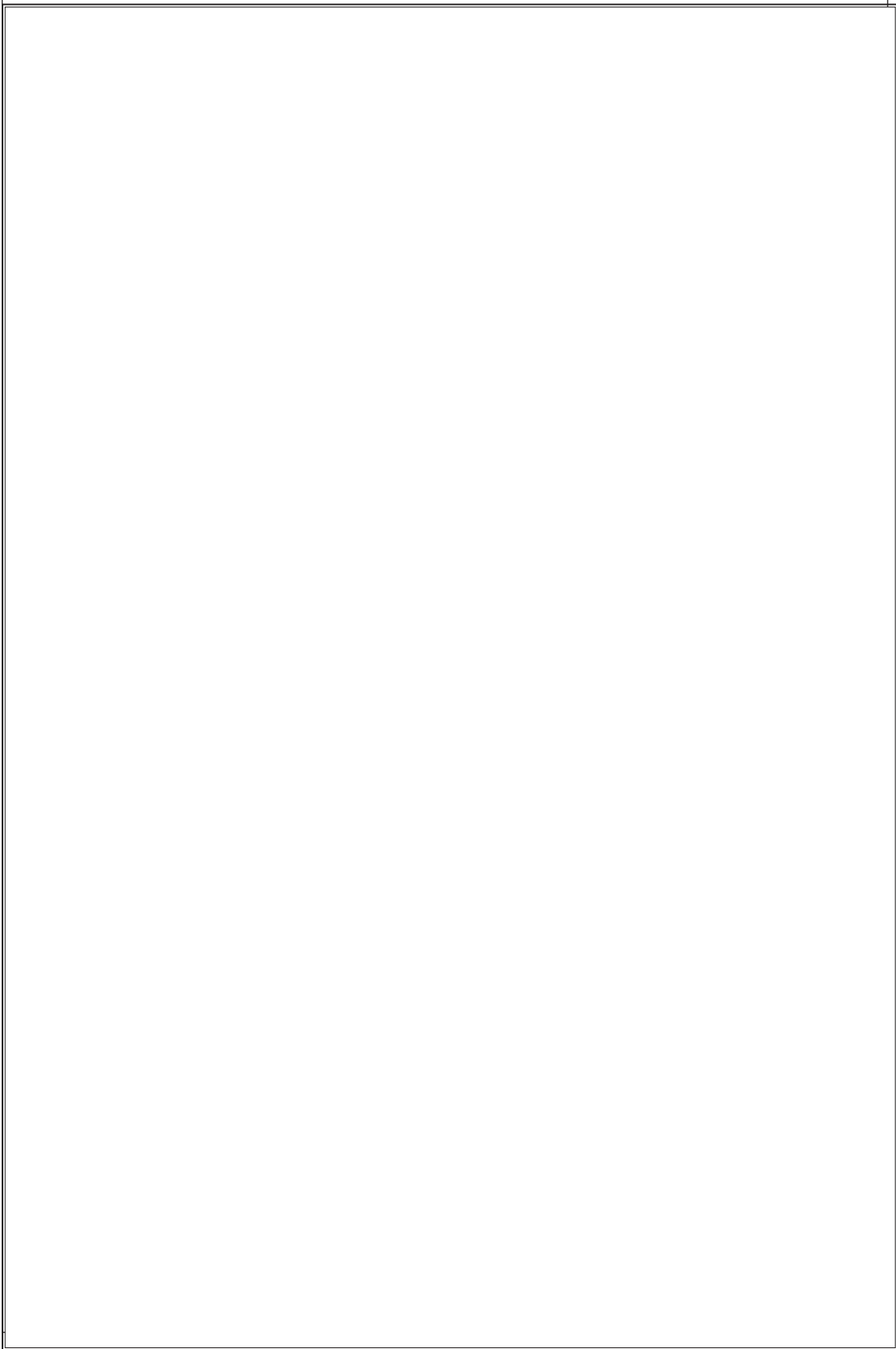
The MWR Library is looking for volunteers for the 2004 Summer Reading Program "Don't Bug Me, I'm Reading." Volunteers may read to kids on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. for Story Time or help with activities on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The program starts in July and runs until August. Call Daniel Flores at the MWR Library at 624-3875.

Sealed bid sale

Fleet Management Center Vincenza will be selling GSA exchange vehicles in June. Inspection dates in Sigonella are June 9-11. Cars can be viewed at "Volcano Car Rental." Bids are due no later than June 21. For information call 634-6266 or 633-8274.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COMMUNITY CALENDAR					4	5
					June	Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Instructor Course Red Cross Call 624-5446
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Piazza Armerina Roman Villa & Enna ITT Call 624-4396	NMRCS Budget for Baby Class 9:30-12 p.m. FFSC ICR room Call 624-4212	2-on-2 Sand Volleyball League Coaches meeting, 4 p.m. NAS II Gym	Munchie Days NAS I Teen Center	Bellini Opera First Showing Tickets on sale at ITT Call 624-4396	Summer Luau Matinee Party MWR Theater Call x4297 for more information	Night of Champions Bodybuilding Championship MWR Theater 6 p.m.
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Lipari Express ITT Call 624-4396	BINGO Crater Pub cards on sale at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m. Call 624-4396	Tournament Tuesdays Take 5 Xbox, cards, dominoes and more. Call 624-2034	First Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Stoddert, took office, 1798	Free Admission Night Base Theater Call 624-4297	Catania History I ITT Call 624-4396	Mt. Etna Classic - Individual Golf Tournament Il Picciolo Golf Club 9 a.m.
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Fri., June 4 Go on down to the Crater pub for their Ladies Night from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.		Sat., June 5 Join AU for a day learning to ride horses. Enjoy an easy trail ride. stop by Au and reserve a place or to find out more information.		Sun., June 6 Visit Enna, the highest town on the island of Sicily, and home to a Norman castle and museum. Savor a delicious lunch at an agriturismo before visiting the imperial Villa del Casale, where you can admire mosaics dating back to the 3rd century. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.		Mon., June 7 Stop by the Crater Pub for some BINGO action. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. and early-bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There will be BINGO on Memorial Day. Cash prizes for winners.
				Wed., June 9 The Ten Pins Bowling Center is having "He Pays, She Pays" games every Tuesday and Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. He pays for all the games and she enjoys them. Shoe rentals will be reduced to 50 cents.		Thurs., June 10 Acireale is known for its churches and Greek legends. Enjoy a city tour followed by some shopping time. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.







By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Exhibition in Catania gives insight into Michelangelo's life

During a moment of discomfort caused by the physical and emotional difficulties of spending days and nights on his back painting the magnificent frescoes on the Sistine Chapel ceiling for over four years, Michelangelo Buonarroti, one of the most important artists of the Italian Renaissance, commonly known simply as Michelangelo, wrote: "I've got myself a goiter from this strain. As water gives the cats in Lombardy or maybe it is in some other country: My belly's pushed by force beneath my chin. Beard points like a finger at heaven. Upon my neck, I grow the breast of a Harpy; my brush, above my face continually, makes a splendid floor by dripping down. In front of me my skin is being stretched while it folds up behind and forms a knot, and I am bending like a Syrian bow."

This vivid sonnet named "On the Painting of the Sistine Chapel" expresses the Florentine master's frustration and discloses that he definitely preferred "the chisel to the brush." Here is how Michelangelo ends the poem: "Giovanni, come agitate for my pride, my poor dead art! I don't belong! Who's a painter? Me? No way! They've got me wrong." Was that just a good "lesson of modesty" or was he just venting? The second option is probably more likely. Michelangelo was actually stressed by the turbulent relationship with Pope Julius II who had commissioned that challenging work in 1508. The year before, Pope Julius had also tasked the Florentine genius to sculpt his tomb but changed his mind after a while despite Michelangelo already having begun the project worked hard on selecting the right marble. The Florentine master had to reluctantly accept the pope's decision that made him very disillusioned, unhappy and anxious because he was unpracticed with the technique of fresco.

The abovementioned verse, which is currently on view at the Catania *Ciminiera* Convention Center through June 27 along with about 60 among, letters, sketches and figure studies, helped art historians understand the private man behind the genius. Visitors can discover Michelangelo's joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties glancing at his private life and getting a feel for the master as, not only an artist, but also a person.

Signonella art buffs have the unique chance to see some of best pieces of the amazing collection of *Casa Buonarroti* in Florence. The *Casa* is a museum, which actually was the master's longtime

residence, permanently hosting many of the Florentine genius' surviving documents and two sculptures. The uniqueness of these documents also lies in the fact that Michelangelo was very secretive about his studies done in preparation for sculptures or paintings. He actually destroyed many works on paper at his deathbed.

The highlight of the *mostra* (exhibition) is undoubtedly the mesmerizing Cleopatra drawing. This amazing *disegno* belongs to the group of Michelangelo's works known as "presentation drawings." According to Hungarian art historian Johannes Wilde, these images, mainly featuring profane and mysterious subjects were intended as gifts for friends and lovers. The Cleopatra drawing was dedicated and given to the Roman nobleman Tommaso de' Cavalieri, an elegant aristocrat, who was the recipient of many drawings by the Florentine master, for whom Michelangelo felt a strong passion.

Cavalieri was so fond of this drawing that, when he had to "donate" it to Duke Cosimo I de' Medici in 1562, he accompanied the "gift" with a letter in which he wrote: "relinquishing the drawing had caused me no less suffering than the loss of a child." Yet Cavalieri had also a copy of this work made by an "artist friend of his."

In 1988, this fascinating sketch revealed a mysterious hidden secret. During a restoration work, another autograph drawing identical in composition depicting an anxious Cleopatra was discovered under the priming layer.

Tickets & Information

Don't miss this great exhibition that is hosted at the Ciminiera Convention Center located near Catania train station. The cost of a ticket is €7.00; Seniors/Children €4.00; Students €3.00. Opening hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. Closed on Mondays. For exhibition information, to schedule an adult or student group visit call 0736-263-053.

Classic music concerts in Catania

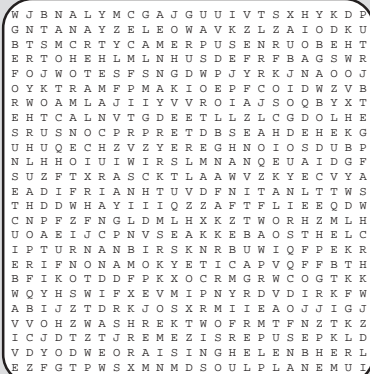
Signonella's classic music buffs will enjoy the three concerts that have been organized by the Catania Diocesan Institute on June 4, Bruno/ Palmeri/ Aversa Trio (flute, bassoon and piano) and June 9, Ester Gattoni (Classic and Celtic Harp) at the SS. Sacramento al Borgo Church (piazza Cavour n. 1; on the southern side of the square). On June 16, The Catania Cathedral Choir and Paolo Cipolla (Organ) will perform at the Seminario Arcivescovile Church located in via Vitt. E. Dabormida n. 56. All concerts will begin at 8:30 p.m. For more information call 095-434619. Admission is free.



Cleopatra's passions and tragic death have been fascinating great artists throughout the centuries. Among them was Michelangelo. This amazing sketch is the centerpiece of an exhibition, currently hosted at the Catania *Ciminiera* Convention Center through June 27.

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Summer movies



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BEFORE SUNSET
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TRIVIA

- 1) Along with France and Spain what other European country declared war on England during the American Revolution?
 - 2) The holy city of Jerusalem was the target of the First Crusade and was conquered in what year?
 - 3) In what year was "PT-109" (the movie) released?
 - 4) Which amendment to constitution says no soldier may be quartered in any citizens house without consent?
 - 5) Elephant may not be used to plow cotton fields in what state?
- (Answers on page 13)

Movie Connection

UTR's Theater Schedule

Friday, June 4



6 p.m.
Hellboy
(PG-13)**



9 p.m.
The Girl Next Door
(R)**

Saturday, June 5



1 p.m.
Shrek 2
(PG)**



3:30 p.m.
Jersey Girl
(PG-13)**



6 p.m.
Never Die Alone
(R)

Sunday, June 6



1 p.m.
Shrek 2
(PG)



3:30 p.m.
The Ladykillers
(R)



6 p.m.
Hellboy
(PG-13)

Monday, June 7



6 p.m.
Jersey Girl
(PG-13)



8 p.m.
Walking Tall
(PG-13)

Theater Closed Tuesdays

Wednesday, June 9



6 p.m.
Never Die Alone
(R)



8 p.m.
The Whole Ten Yards
(PG-13)

Thursday, June 10



6 p.m.
Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unlimited
(PG)*



8 p.m.
Troy
(R)

Friday, June 11



6 p.m.
Johnson Family Vacation
(PG-13)**



8:30 p.m.
Hellboy
(R)

*** Future Re-release **Sneak Preview **Last Showing
(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at x4248)

SCHOOL NEWS

Kaiserslautern High School will host a Universal Cheer Association cheer camp

From Frank X. O'Gara
Public Affairs Officer, DoDDS Europe

Kaiserslautern High School will host a Universal Cheer Association (UCA) cheer camp Labor Day Weekend Sept. 3-5, 2004. This camp is open to all prospective high school cheerleaders across Europe. The cost of this camp is \$95 payable at the door. All schools sponsoring a cheer team in the fall are encouraged to attend.

UCA is the largest cheerleading camp and competition company in the world, conducting over 1,100 sessions of camp each summer. UCA camps are held in over 450 locations, which are found throughout all 50 states and in Europe.

UCA camps focus on junior high and high school cheerleaders. The material will be current and highly informative, according to Camp Coordinator, Jane Varalli, Kaiserslautern Cheer Coach. "Participants are taught several cheers, sideline chants, dances, partner stunts and safety techniques," said Coach Varalli. "Students leave with better skills, better techniques. They also learn about teamwork and how an individuals contributes to the success of a team."

The camp is open to all students in grades 9-12. Coaches are encouraged to send as many students trying out for fall cheerleading as possible. The cost for this camp is \$95 per student. UCA has agreed, like last year, to let the students pay at the door at registration time. Varalli asks that coaches let her know if they will bring either or both of your varsity/junior varsity teams by 10 June. She said that the UCA camp does wonderful things for students. "Let's commit to bringing students so we can continue to have current techniques, cheers and dances available to start the season," said Coach Varalli.

Coaches and interested cheerleaders should contact Coach Varalli with questions. Information has also been sent to Cheerleading coaches at DoDDS high schools. The camp is not a DoDDS sponsored event; however, it serves as an important conditioning and training opportunity for students interested in joining high school cheerleading teams.

Please e-mail Jane, Varalli@eu.odedodea.edu with a tentative team number NLT 10 June 2004.

For the first time, a Coaches Camp will also be sponsored by UCA. This camp is part of teachers Professional Development Week and will be offered on Friday, 3 September prior to the camp. The cost for this camp, if any, is yet to be determined. Those coaches traveling a long distance may wish to arrive Thursday evening. The schedule is attached. This camp is very valuable for all those involved in cheerleading. It is hoped that all coaches across Europe will make a sincere effort to participate.

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Reading keeps families, Sailors connected during deployment

By AGAN Jonathan McCall
USS Wasp Public Affairs

ABOARD USS WASP, At Sea (NNS) — Aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp (LHD 1), a program is helping Sailors to bridge the gap of time and distance with their children. United Through Reading (UTR) helps keep military families connected during times of deployment through reading aloud on videotape. The program was first introduced to Wasp in 2002, with the donation of books and videotapes from Kirm Memorial Library and Pioneer Lending just in time for the Operation Enduring Freedom deployment.

"The target audience is family members, especially small kids who gain a lot when their parents read to them via videotape," said Wasp Command Master Chief (SW) Delta Hinson. "The program is simple. Read a story to your child, have it recorded on videotape, then mail it home."

"Some of the crew members bring teddy bears and their glasses, or other props to be creative with the time on camera," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) (AW) Leeroy Ybarra.

There are many benefits for all parties involved with the program. According to administrators of the UTR program, thousands of children and parents feel much closer than they have in the past, and children have less fear about mom's or dad's absence. In addition, reunions are much easier, and morale is high for all of those involved. The spouse at home also enjoys the support of the deployed parent.

"One parent mentioned to me that her daughter thinks that dad is lost, so when she puts the tape in, it helps to calm her down and she tries to talk to dad," said Hinson. "Another thing is that the program is free. It doesn't cost you a thing except 15 minutes of your time. We have plenty of books, plenty of tapes and plenty

of time," Hinson said.

All personnel can use the program. Airman Esther Hernandez of Phoenix utilizes the program for her younger brother and sister. "It's an opportunity to be with my family one on one," she said. "Instead of writing letters or sending pictures and packages, they get to see me."

UTR is designed to give the deployed service member another avenue to support the family at home, and it serves as a morale booster. Wasp Sailors are heavy users of the program.

"It usually takes about five minutes for the list to be filled after they pass the word," Hinson said.

In 2002, Wasp Sailors read to 382 children. At the halfway point of this current deployment, Wasp Sailors have already read to 449 kids.

"We are well over where we were last cruise, and this is with the Marines on board less time than last cruise. It was a success last cruise, and it's an even bigger success this cruise," Hinson added.

UTR has been implemented on more than 150 deploying ships, including the Wasp Expeditionary Strike Group ships, and has benefited more than 54,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. On Wasp, taping for UTR is held Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons, Saturday evenings and Sunday evenings.

"We started out with two taping sessions when we deployed and because of the popularity of the program, quickly had to go to four," Hinson said.

"It's a chance to get something recorded on videotape, and it can be used over and over again, even many years from now," said Ybarra.

Taping will continue until the ship gets to its last port visit before returning home.

"Earlier in my career, we wrote letters and sent cassette tapes," Hinson said. "Now, we have Internet and e-mail. But nothing is quite like seeing your loved one on television."

Now, with programs like UTR, something as simple as a videotape is keeping families stronger than ever by bridging thousands of miles and months apart.

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Crew Patch Makes Aircrew Stand Out

By ADCS Kevin Smith

One of the most important events a Combat Aircrew will undertake during deployment is the creation of their crew patch. Worn proudly on the right shoulder of the flight suit, the crew patch becomes a historic symbol of the crew's unique personality. Whether the patch design is derived from the crew's travels, liberty experiences, or on-station exploits, one thing is certain; a great deal of thought, imagination, and heart goes into its development. Patrol Squadron Twenty-Six's (VP-26) Combat Aircrew Two (CAC 2) recently completed their patch, which will be coming soon to a shoulder near you.

"Finding the artist on the crew is always challenging," stated Aviation Machinist Mate Senior Chief Kevin Smith, CAC-2's senior Flight Engineer, "but luckily, Aviation Systems Warfare Operator Second Class Justin Donohue (the crew's Non-Acoustic Operator) proved to be as talented with a pen as he is with a radar." With inputs from the entire crew, Donohue jotted down a few rough sketches. "This is one of the most difficult tasks because everyone has their own idea," stated Aviation Structural Mechanic Safety Equipmentman First Class William Cone, second Flight Engineer.

After a few adjustments, a final sketch was agreed upon and transferred to a computer image where it could be further manipulated. That is where technology has really made it easy. Once the image is completed, the crew receives one last viewing before the final "OK" is given. "The democratic process still lives on," stated Lieutenant Stephanie Gay, the Copilot assigned to the crew.

When it's all said and done, the final product is something that the entire crew worked on and can be proud to display. CAC 2's patch consists of a "mean" looking P-3C Orion flying low over the littorals, releasing a torpedo on an unsuspecting enemy submarine

periscope. Mount Etna, seen smoldering in the background, will serve as a unique reminder to all crewmembers of their past deployment to the island of Sicily.

The crew will proudly wear their patch through the remainder of deployment and throughout the entire home-cycle. As some crewmembers will inevitably be transferred on to other commands or shuffled to other crews, the patch will become a part of Combat Aircrew Two history; and when next deployment comes around the whole process will start again.



Find it shipmate



Sailors from all ranks of the VP-26 Tridents line up to look for debris on the flightline during a FOD (foreign object damage) walkdown.

Congressmen from page 1

familiar area of his state for chow on May 27. HM2 (FMF) Spencer Keck from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8), is from the same area as Lewis. "We're basically from the same area and know a lot of the same places that [he] grew up around, so it's been fun," Lewis said.

Keck got to talk to his congressman about a wide variety of things, such as Keck's time in Afghanistan. "We also talked about things back home in Kentucky like colleges and politics," said Keck. He also asked Lewis about a bill in congress that could affect reservist's medical benefits, which Lewis said he would look up. "And also he's going to send me some information about one of the universities."

The congressmen had only good things to say about servicemembers serving overseas. "You're all doing a fabulous job," Lewis said. "I was just in Iraq about seven weeks ago, and I was totally impressed with the commitment and the passion and the professionalism that the young men and women were putting forth there. Of course I see that everywhere I go and it's certainly greatly appreciated by all of us."



U.S. Rep. Robin Hayes, representative of the 8th Congressional District of North Carolina, talks with Sailors assigned to Naval Air Station Sigonella after having lunch in the base galley. U.S. Reps. Joe Knollenberg of Michigan's 9th District, Sam Farr of California's 17th District, Ron Lewis of Kentucky's 2nd District and Hayes toured NAS Sigonella and had lunch with Sailors from their respective congressional districts. NAS Sigonella provides logistics support for Commander, Sixth Fleet and NATO forces in the Mediterranean area.

Navy Falls to Syracuse in NCAA Championship Game

From Navysports.com

BALTIMORE, Md. - A run of three-straight goals late in the fourth quarter proved too much for the Navy lacrosse team to overcome as Syracuse rallied for a 14-13 victory in front of an NCAA National Championship Game record crowd of 43,898 Monday afternoon at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

"I'm obviously disappointed that we didn't win the game today, but I'm very proud of our team," said Navy head coach Richie Meade. "I'm not sure if we did as good a job defensively as we could have, but Syracuse played awfully well."

"Today was very emotional," said Syracuse head coach John Desko. "This game was a very different championship game, because of our opponent. The United States Naval Academy, Richie Meade and his staff just had a real sense of pride. I was so proud of them being there and the way they played all season. They played with a bigger cause and to go out and play them, it didn't have the feel of a typical opponent. We were pulling for them as well."

"We were playing a lacrosse team today. Some people took it a little too far," said Syracuse's Mike Powell, who was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. "We weren't trying to beat our country or even the Naval Academy, we were just trying to beat another team in the National Championship game, a team that was one of the most talented teams I've ever seen in college lacrosse."

A balanced first quarter saw neither team able to hold more than a one-goal advantage. Navy scored first when Ben Bailey scored an extra man goal from eight yards out less than two minutes into the contest. Syracuse answered by scoring a pair of goals over the next three minutes to take a 2-1 lead with 10:17 to play in the period.

Navy's Adam Reel tied the score on a goal with 9:03 to play, but Syracuse's Alex Zink gave the Orange a 3-2 lead on a goal with 5:17 left on the clock, which was soon followed by another Navy goal to tie the score, this time when Billy Looney scored off a pass from brother Steve Looney. A



Navy lacrosse recently lost a close match to Syracuse University in the NCAA Final.

Brett Bucktooth goal once again gave Syracuse the slimmest of leads when he scored with 51 seconds to play, but a Graham Gill tally with three seconds remaining in the period tied the score for the fourth time at 4-4.

Navy's Chris Pieczonka won the second period faceoff and immediately raced down to field and found Joe Bossi open to the left of the cage to give Navy a 5-4 lead just 13 seconds into the quarter. Syracuse would erase the deficit quickly by scoring three-straight goals over a four-minute span to take a 7-5 lead with 10:24 to play. As the rains started to fall harder in Baltimore, the game soon became a defensive effort with both keepers - Navy's Matt Russell and Syracuse's Jay Pfeifer - coming up with several big stops.

"Their goalie came up big several times," said Meade. He made several big saves for them."

Navy leading scorer on the season, Ian Dingman, picked up his first goal of the weekend during a man-advantage situation with 5:50 to play, then a Ben Horn goal off a Dingman pass with 41 seconds

left in the period tied the score at seven. The assist was Dingman's 100th point of his career.

After Syracuse (Steve Vallone) and Navy (Jon Birsner) goals in the opening five minutes of the third period tied the score at eight the Orange scored a pair of goals in less than a one minute span to take a 10-8 lead with 4:03 left in the period and held that advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

"Four or five times they had a chance to pull away from us, but we always fought back," said Meade.

The Mids began the final quarter with a man advantage thanks to a Syracuse penalty towards the end of the third period and capitalized when Birsner found Horn in front of the net at the 14:08 mark to cut the deficit to 10-9. Navy would soon record the eighth tie of the game when Dingman threw a pass from the right side of the net to the left and found Birsner open from about five yards out. Navy would add its third goal of the period and take an 11-10 lead at the 9:59 mark when Bossi scored from 10 yards out from the right side of the goal, but on Syracuse's next possession a pair of Navy penalties gave the Orange a two-man advantage. Sean Lindsay would score for the Orange with 8:58 to play to tie the score at 11-11.

After a Syracuse turnover, caused by Jared Bosanko knocking the stick out of Mike Powell's hands, Bosanko fed new keeper Colin Finnegan - who entered with 8:01 to play in the final period due to a Matt Russell shoulder injury - who found a streaking Clipper Lennon just shy of midfield. Lennon continued running unimpeded down the middle of the offensive end and ripped a shot into the back of the net to give Navy a 12-11 lead with 5:40 to play.

"I am very proud of Matt Russell, who played the third quarter with a dislocated shoulder," said Meade. He displayed the type of courage that we expect from Midshipmen at the Naval Academy."

Navy's lead would be short lived as Brian Crockett scored with 4:57 to play to tie the game at 12-12.

Pieczonka won another faceoff for Navy, but the Mids were unable to get a shot off. Syracuse would score on its ensuing possession when Powell found a diving Nee with 3:37 to play. After Navy again controlled the faceoff, Dingman was stopped on a close shot by Pfeifer with 2:30 to play. Syracuse began to take some time off the clock, but Jake Plunket overthrew his teammate and the ball went out of bounds to Navy with 2:01 to play.

After a Navy timeout, the Mids worked the ball around on offense when Billy Looney threw the ball back towards the midfield line where it was picked up by the Orange who started a 3-on-1 break that saw Nee find Powell with one minute left on the clock.

Pieczonka again won the faceoff and the ball quickly was passed to Dingman who muscled his way through the Orange defense for a goal to bring the Mids to within 14-13 with 40 seconds to play.

Pieczonka, who won 20 of 28 faceoffs on the day, won the battle in the circle again and this time kept it for himself. As he wound up to shoot from 15 yards out his stick was hit by an Orange defender and his shot went out of bounds with 31 seconds remaining.

After a Syracuse timeout, the Orange threw the ball across midfield to escape the Navy pressure and it was soon picked up on the fly by Navy's Trevor Hostleton in front of the Navy net with 19 seconds to play. Navy quickly worked the ball upfield, but the Orange scooped up a loose ball in front of the Syracuse cage with five seconds to play and was able to run out the clock.

"We expected to win today," said Meade. We weren't the little brother getting a pat on the head for a good job of getting here. It was a great story, but we were a good team. Our kids should be admired, though, for what they go through on a daily basis. I know I couldn't do it."

"It was a great honor playing here today," said Dingman. "Every lacrosse team in the country wanted to be playing today. Playing on Memorial Day and being in the military is extra special. Honoring our veterans in all the wars, I hope they aren't anything but proud of us."



Sigonella ceremony honors fallen patriots

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Staff Writer

Military personnel celebrated Memorial Day with a wreath laying ceremony on Naval Air Station Sigonella (NAS) II early this morning.

Capt. T.L. Davison, NAS Sigonella commanding officer, spoke to approximately 200 Sailors and a small unit of Honduran army soldiers about the history of Memorial Day, as well as the impact and meaning the holiday has as our nation in a time of war.

"The reality of the young lives lost in battle is hitting home again every day for each of us," Davison said. "And others like

you are gathering across the nation to pay tribute and homage to those who died defending freedom and preserving peace."

Davison spoke about the intense emotions endured by family members due to deployments where loved ones may be in harms way. He acknowledged that such duty has a lasting effect on those who serve and their families.

"Some say that we're prepared for the deployments and the separations from family," Davison said. "But the truth is, prepared or not, it's always hard to leave your family in a time of war." He said that Sigonellans can be thankful for the community they live in and in the knowledge that "we are all in this together."

Davison said that Memorial Day used to be thought of as a day off work or as the beginning of the summer, but that perception changed after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. He said that Memorial Day is now recognized as the day we honor those who paid the bill for our freedom.

"This holiday is no longer about picnics and a short work week," Davison said. "It is a very special day to honor those we have lost."

Capt. Thom Danzak, NAS Sigonella command chaplain, praised the motives common to all who have given their lives defending freedom.

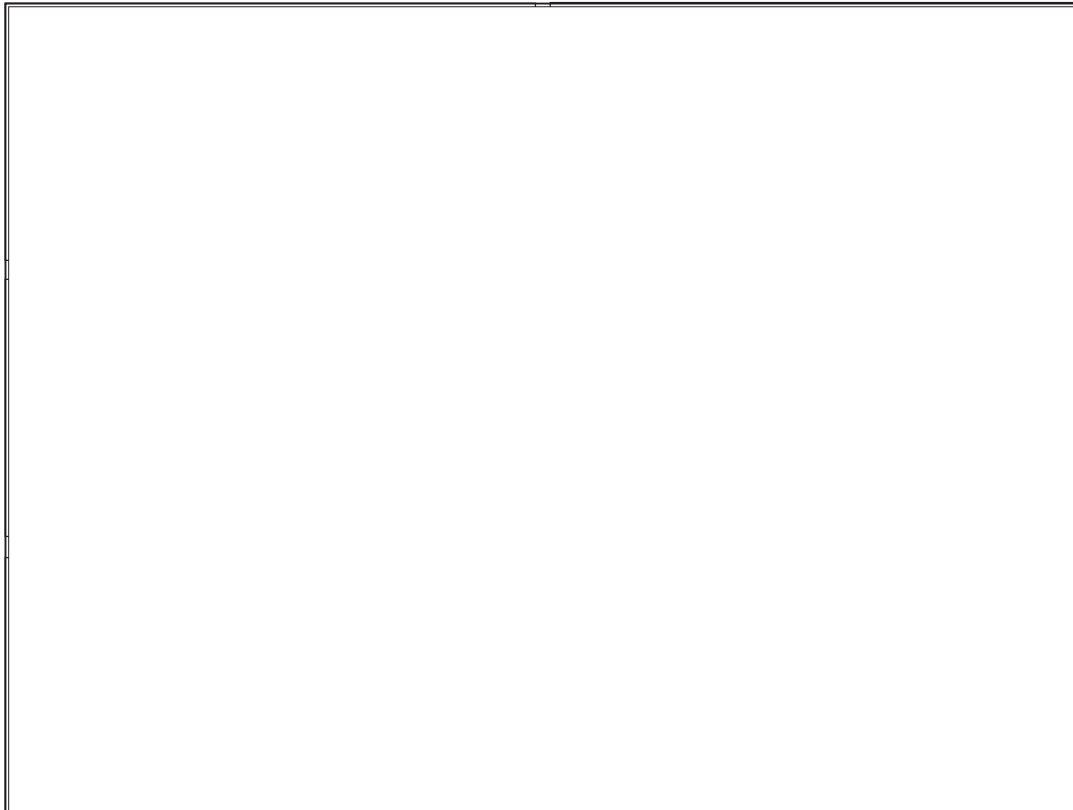
"They did not come for the pay. They did not come for the benefits. They came because they believed in the cause."



Capt. Tim Davison, Naval Air Station Sigonella commanding officer, salutes during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony held on the Friday before Memorial Day.



Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Jessica Owens of the Naval Air Station Sigonella Color Guard presents arms during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony held on the Friday before Memorial Day. Members of NAS Sigonella, and members of the Honduran Army who were transiting NAS Sigonella on their way home from duty in Iraq, took part in the ceremony.





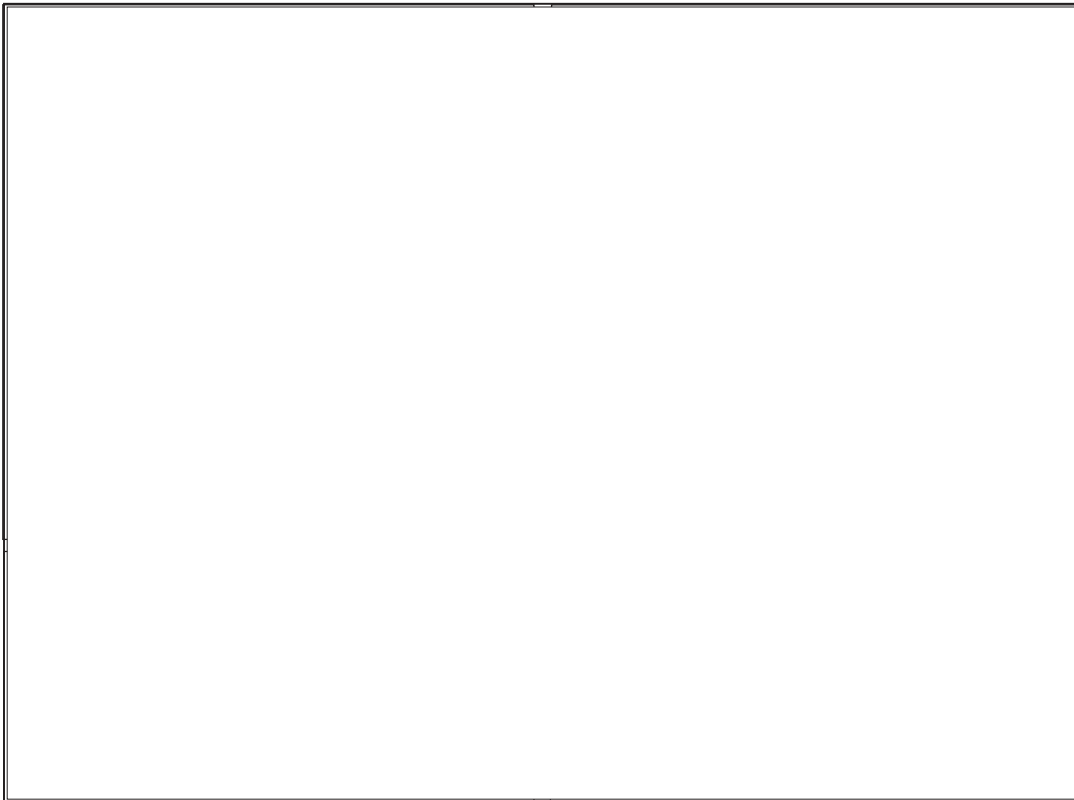
Above: Members of Naval Air Station Sigonella stand at attention during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony.



Top right: Members of the Honduran Army stand side-by-side with Sailors of Naval Air Station Sigonella during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony.



At right: Members of Naval Air Station Sigonella stand at ease during a Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremony held on the Friday before Memorial Day.



NASSIG laughs until they Spontaneously Combust

By JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

The improvisational comedy team Spontaneous Combustion stopped by Naval Air Station Sigonella on May 26, thanks to American Forces Entertainment, to spread a little laughter at the MWR base theater.

Ben Langton, Daniel Grant Braatz, Michael Patrick Mendez, Anita Boland and Daymond Caylo didn't explode on stage, but they did provide many laughs with such segments as Jeopardy, where whatever the audience shouted out was the answer, and the performers in turn provided the questions.

If you missed the show, you missed a lot of laughs. The Signature talked to this zany group before their show and this is what spontaneously combusted, er, I mean happened.

Signature: What is Spontaneous Combustion other than a freak phenomenon?

Daniel Grant Braatz: That pretty much explains it.

Sig: You don't explode on stage, do you?

Ben Langton: We might. No. We do Improv comedy, which is sort of unique and fairly recent form of humor. Second City and places like that do it all the time. [It requires] a lot of audience participation, that's pretty much the heart and soul of the whole thing ... the audience gives us what we need to be funny.

DB: A general historical note about Improv, it's like a pure actor's form. It's been around since actors have and it's not scripted, it's pure performance basically.

Michael Patrick Mendez: It's like extreme acting that relies on the skills and experiences of the actors. We don't know honestly what's going to happen on that stage. All the scenes that we get are coming from the audience's suggestions. So we have basic structures, but we have no idea what's going to happen.

Daymond Caylo: It's just one letter short of Improve.

Sig: Can you describe a part of the show?

BL: Our show is based on a loose framework of structures, they're called games. Each game has different rules. For example a new choice would be a game where we have a caller. We get a suggestion from the audience about a location, two people



Daniel Grant Braatz hops around and Michael Patrick Mendez lays on the ground while a Sailor reads excerpts from a book. The Spontaneous Combustion improv comedy team stopped by Naval Air Station Sigonella for a show at the base theater.

interact in the location, whenever something happens that we don't like, we'll say "new choice" and they'll have to pick a new thing and we'll go on from there. We do game show-formats, things like that.

Daniel Braatz explained about a specific act where he and Langton were two garbage men who were shoveling garbage into a garbage truck, and then the audience gave a suggestion as to what he would have in his hand beside a shovel ... it turned out to be a lemur and then went downhill from there.

During the show at NASSIG, one scene featured Grant as a foreigner from "Karaokea" who couldn't speak English. Audience members asked questions such as "What are your dating rituals" among other zany questions. One audience member got to come up on stage and dance with the man from "Karaokea."

Sig: Where have you gone on this tour?

BL: This is our third stop. We just finished up in Maron, Spain. Before that we were at Lisbon.

Sig: Do you like what you do?

DB: I love it. I wish I could make a living doing this. (They admitted they all have night/day jobs.)

Sig: How long have you done this?

BL: I've been doing Improv about 2 1/2 years off and on. It started as a work thing. I was doing IT work and I got mad and upset and started being goofy. A friend of mine saw it and said "Hey we have an Improv troop, would you like to go?" (He got called up on stage one night and...) they haven't been able to get me offstage since. A couple people



got "big hooks", but I'm just so big...

MM: For average of each individual, it's probably two or more years.

DB: I've been doing professional shows since I was 12, I'm 33 ... almost 34. Next month I have my birthday over here. [I've done] Improv for almost seven years now.

BL: So if you're looking for a gift to get this guy, I recommend Centrum Silver or Depends. (They have done Improv in such places as clubs, restaurants and for private corporate functions in the U.S.)

MM: Here's a trivia question, our equivalent rank is GS-9.

DB: See if anybody knows what exactly a GS-9 is, we've heard everything from staff sergeant to master chief to captain. Someone said lieutenant.

Sig: Do you have any influences?

DB: Eddie Murphy, Jim Carrey.

MM: Danny Kaye and Walt Disney are two of my biggest influences.

BL: I'd have to say Bob and Ray, they're some old radio guys, but they're really funny.

DB: Gene Wilder.

Anita Boland: "Singing in the Rain."

DC: Greta Garbo.

DB: Marilyn Monroe.

MM: All the comedians that you see on screen pretty much today, they all went through Second City, that's a big influence on the culture of the United States and around the world.

Sig: Do you have a message for the Sailors who work here?

DB: Thank you.

BL: Yes, thanks a lot.

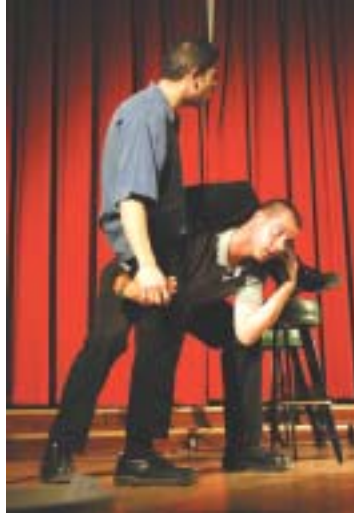
AB: It is a pleasure to meet each and every one of them.

DB: Honestly. (Starts to tear up a little.) We have met some of the finest people, I'm not just saying that. You guys are working so hard for us back home and I know there's people that take that for granted. I hope that everyone over here never doubts how much it does mean, at the very least, to some of us.

MM: It's a tough time with the U.S. right now. I talked to one guy myself and his feeling was that he didn't see a lot of support. I told him from the people I know it's the opposite. There's absolute support for the military who are doing what they do for this country.

DB: Thank you and don't ever doubt that we are routing for you back home.

BL: And don't forget, keep laughing ... you've got to do that.



Top left: Michael Patrick Mendez gets a "leg up" on Daniel Grant Braatz during the Spontaneous Combustion improv comedy show held at the NAS I Theater.



Bottom left: Ben Langton looks at Daniel Grant Braatz very oddly during the Spontaneous Combustion improv comedy show at the NAS I Theater.

Top right: Daniel Grant Braatz gets bumpy with a special guest during the Spontaneous Combustion improv comedy show.

Trivia Answers

- 1) The Netherlands
- 2) 1099
- 3) 1963
- 4) 3rd
- 5) North Carolina

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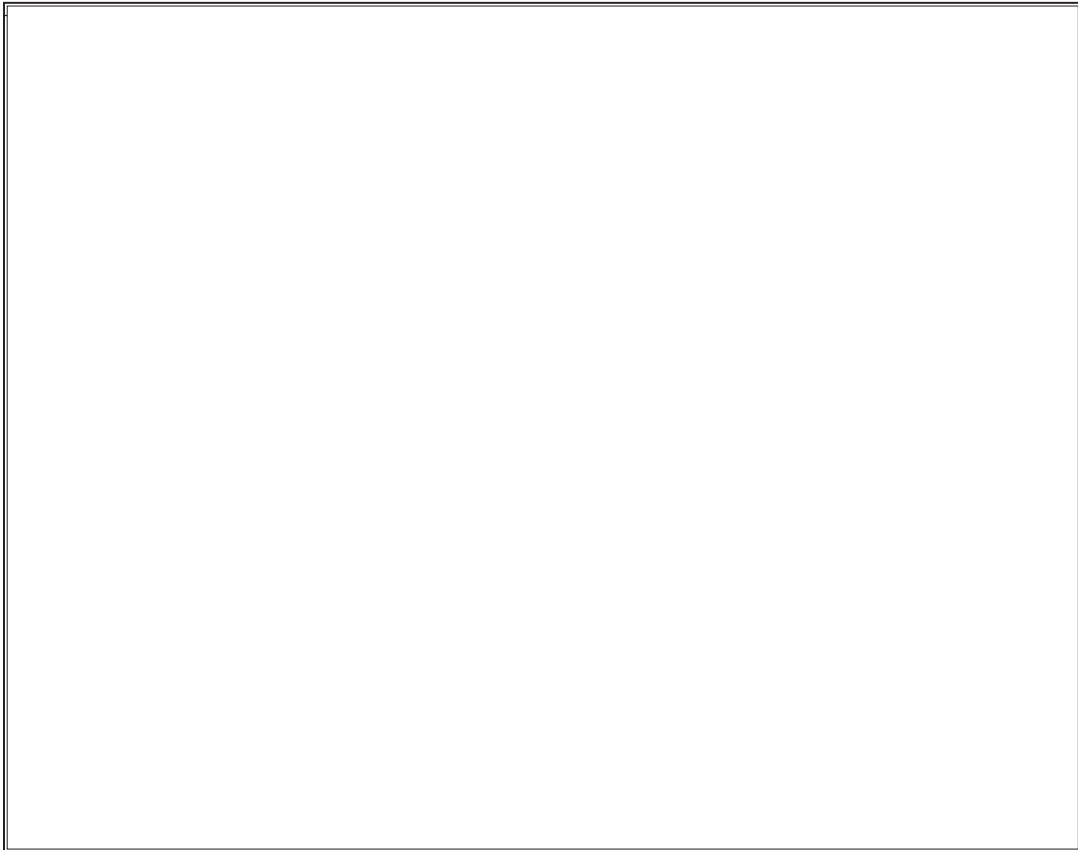
Top: MA1 James Hansen rewards Ceasar with a toy for finding ordnance during explosive trial.

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Bottom Right: Ceasar sniffs a truck for the scent of explosive ordnance with trainer MA1 James Hansen.



MA1 Torey Taylor leads Karo through the course looking for explosive ordnance during a trial.



Teen sex: not worth the risk

By JOY(SW) Brian Johnson
Staff Writer

As people get older the decision they are forced to make get more difficult. As a child our decisions were simple – what to eat, what toy to play with, what to wear – but in our teen years decisions start getting tougher – what sport to play, who to hang out with, whether to try drugs or not and should we have sex.

In the United States 65 million people are currently living with an incurable sexually transmitted disease and an additional 15 million become infected with one or more STDs each year according to the American Medical Association (AMA).

According to the Centers for Disease Control 2000 Adolescent Health Chartbook females between the ages of 15 and 19 reported nearly 2,500 cases of Chlamydia per 100,000.

Teens and preteens need to know about the risks of having sex and Stephen Decatur School is trying to get the message their students.

"All high school students take a health class as a requirement for graduation," said Sabrina Misuraca, school nurse. "As part of the health class curriculum the students learn about sex education and the risks involved, but that portion is at parents discretion whether or not their kids are present for that part of the class."

Ignorance about sex can cause some misconceptions and lead children to risky

behavior. According to the American Medical Association (AMA), teens need accurate information and decision-making skills to help protect them from pressure to have sex, unintended pregnancy, and HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

But it's not just high school students who need to be informed. "I have been going into some of the middle school classrooms to talk about sex education and they are basically question and answer sessions," Misuraca said. "The younger kids are hungry for this knowledge."

But school shouldn't be the only place kids learn about sex and the dangers that can be associated with it. According to the AMA parents shouldn't make the first talk about sex with their child the last. It's important to keep an open dialogue and if talking about the subject with your son or daughter is difficult admit it, but keep a sense of humor.

Misuraca adds that it's important to keep talks to an age appropriate level.

If you worried about what your kids are doing when you are not around keep in mind "the high school students definitely understand the dangers of having sex, but the younger students don't really understand it," Misuraca said. "If parents want to keep their children from having sex, then stay involved in their lives, keep tabs on them at all times."

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with ultraviolet protection. Parents should teach skin cancer prevention early by role modeling sun-safe behaviors and initiating sun protection measures for their children.

The popularity of "indoor tanning" and "sunless tanning" has increased dramatically in recent years. Even though studies linking tanning beds with skin cancer are inconclusive, it is an accepted fact that tanned skin is damaged skin. The ultraviolet light used in tanning beds is capable of causing the same type of damage caused by sunlight, including sunburns and wrinkles. On the other hand, sunless tanning

products, which temporarily stain the skin, are a healthier alternative to tanning. There are numerous brands available, and today's products are easier to apply and create a more natural skin tone than the streaky, orange-colored lotions of the past. Just remember, these products don't provide any sun protection.

Our skin is an amazing organ. It protects us from infection, cools us when we are hot, warms us when we are cold, alerts us to potential harm, and is made to withstand a lifetime of wear and tear. So start today – give your skin the attention and protection it deserves!

Tips for parents

- **Be patient** – Give kids time to talk about their views and how they feel. Keep in mind that it's probably just as hard for them to talk about sex as it is for you to talk to them about it.
- **Lead by example** – Children learn by example, so send a clear message about your own positive sexual views and values. If you're sexually permissive or have a live-in partner or a succession of partners, your child is more likely to believe promiscuity is OK. Don't assume that your child will have an understanding that some arrangements and dating practices are kosher for adults and not for children.
- **Set boundaries** – Let your child know what is expected. Establish rules, curfews and standards of acceptable behavior. If you don't provide boundaries as the parent, your child may look elsewhere for guidance on acceptable behavior. In addition to knowing what your children are watching, reading and listening to ask them how they feel about it. They may feel the same way you do about the negative things they hear and see. Be sure to talk to them about why you don't feel good about certain subjects or materials. Through positive reinforcement, your child will be likely to develop positive opinions.
- **Get to know them and get involved** – Don't just talk to your kids about what not to do. Spend time talking to them about what they should do. Get to know them and welcome their friends into your home.
- **Discourage dating young** – The younger your child starts dating, the more likely he or she will start exploring sex. Discourage girls from dating significantly older boys and discourage boys from dating significantly younger girls. A wide variation in age may cause the younger child to feel pressured for sex before he or she is ready to make the right decision.
- **Show respect** – Kids not only learn how to respect others by watching adults interact with each other, they also learn respect by watching how you interact with them. Nothing opens kids up more than asking them how they feel and respecting their answers when they give you their honest opinions, even if you don't agree with them.
- **Love them** – Most importantly, love your children and let them know it. Hug them, praise them, support them, respect them and spend time with them. They'll love you and themselves better for it.

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worldwide have joined a national crackdown on seatbelt scofflaws.

According to Curry, 292 Sailors and Marines were killed in motor vehicle accidents in the past three years. Worldwide 42 Sailors and Marines have died this fiscal year alone and 35 percent were not wearing seatbelts.

Curry also noted that the base continues to suffer from DUI incidents. He warned the audience, saying, "With a DUI your insurance rate will triple."

According to the Naval Safety Center, Navy statistics for the last five years show Sailors are dying in alcohol-related motor-vehicle crashes at the rate of one every 17 days, compared to one every 6.1 days in previous years. Using these figures, a Sailor ending a 20-year career today will have seen 1,197 shipmates die in alcohol-related motor-vehicle crashes.

Curry told the story of a recent DUI. "There was a petty officer and spouse who went to a party in government housing. They got snookered at this party and tried to drive home. They ended up wrapping their car around a tree. They lived less than a quarter mile away."

BMC(SW) Guy Pritchard, NASSIG command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA) talked about alcohol and drug abuse and best practices. Pritchard highlighted the danger involved with drinking and driving. "Out of 58 DUIs [last year] 43 or 44 were caught because they had a wreck." He also quoted a study that said the average number of times drunk driver drives under the influence before being caught is 60.

Lt. Michael Husband, operation security (OPSEC) officer, said that everyone plays an important role in protecting sensitive information. He said that because we support "the pointy end of the stick" the small unclassified, but sensitive information we all possess when assembled by an enemy can hurt the overall mission. "The key is to think like the bad guys," Husband said.

In another stand down presentation military working dog handler MA1 James Hansen of Security briefed the audience on how to respond to a bomb threat. He reminded the audience that a bomb may be placed in a variety of ways that may not be obvious, so personnel must follow instructions precisely to avoid the risk of detonation.

"If a bomb threat is called leave everything," Hansen said. Don't turn off your monitor; don't pick up. Do not hesitate to leave when told to leave. If you have to touch the doorknob to get out do it, but don't touch anything else."

Lilac Harris, Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI) advocate explained the SAVI program and advised the audience to be careful about their approach to the victim of a sexual assault.

"The way you react to a victim can make a difference in their recovery," said Harris. "If somebody comes to you and says, 'something happened,' don't say, 'why did you drink?' or 'why did you wear that?'" She noted that sexual assaults are reported here each month.

AC1 Daniel Hallowsay briefed flightline safety, reminding anyone who goes on the flightline to pay attention. "Understand that you are in a highly hazardous area," Hallowsay said. Keep your head on a swivel."

Sandy Bart, MWR fitness coordinator, briefed summer fitness. She spoke about the five components of fitness (flexibility, muscular strength, endurance, cardiovascular fitness and body composition) and how they combine to create total fitness. She advised caution when working out in the high temperature months, particularly reminding all to stay hydrated.

Bart also recommended against trying to affect a complete change of lifestyle all at once, recommending instead a gradual approach. "Every Monday people come [to the fitness center] and say 'I want to change my lifestyle,'" Bart said. "They start working out and they quit smoking. I guarantee the next night they are arguing with their spouse due to the stress. You don't have to do it all at once. You can take baby steps."

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The other four nominees for the award included: Cryptologic Technician (Technical) 1st Class (SW) Michael P. Hettinger (Naval Education and Training Command); Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class (AW) Lisa Ann Patrocky (Naval Forces Europe); Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class (EOD/AW/SW) Richard L. Steele (Vice Chief of Naval Operations), and Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 1st Class (AW/NAC/IUSS) William J. Volk (Fleet Forces Command).

"It fills me with pride to know that it's Sailors like these who are leading our Navy today and will be the ones to lead us into the future," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott, who hosted the week's events.

After her meritorious advancement in July, Villagran will return to Naval Dental Center Northwest as a chief petty officer. Villagran said she sees this as an excellent opportunity to continue to be a strong influence on other Sailors and help make positive changes – now as a chief petty officer.

"I don't want to be perceived as a different person. I just want to be the next level of leadership and help people the best I can," said Villagran.

Adm. Elmo Zumwalt initiated the Sailor of the Year program in 1972 to recognize the outstanding Atlantic and Pacific Fleet Sailors. The following year, the Shore Sailor of the Year program was introduced. Sponsored by the Chief of Naval Operations, the program provides recognition to the Navy's outstanding Sailors through numerous presentations, awards and meritorious advancement to the next pay grade. Competition is open to all third, second and first class petty officers.



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Portable 220V Air Cond. works great! \$85; Hide-a-Bed Sleeper Sofa \$200; child's white desk & 20; electric heater (220V)-\$10 - Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail larrykathy78@yahoo.com for photos.

Italian appliances; 1500KW transformer \$40.00, coffeepot, \$5.00, alarm clock, \$5.00, nice cell phone and older cell phone, \$60.00 for both, portable phone, \$40.00. See at NAS II. Must sell, PCS. Call Susan at 624-2721 or Richard at 335-599-2168.

PCS Move - Panasonic 220V hand hold phone with answering system-\$80; Various 220V appliances - toaster - \$10; iron - \$10; vacuum cleaner -\$40; blowdryer-\$10 - All available after June 26th. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Ladies size 6 & 8 jeans, excellent condition -\$3 each; Other Ladies clothing size 8 & 10 & 12; Flats - various prices. Call Kathy at 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail - larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Erikson Cell Phone with chip, charger, leather case, new battery, box and instructions - \$65, available after July 3rd. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758, or e-mail: larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Spanish Feria Dress (ladies size 10), hunter green and white polka dots, plus matching accessories - all for \$100; First Communion/Confirmation Dress (girl's size 16) White \$75. Call 095-789-0029 or 349-751-4758 or e-mail: larrykathy78@yahoo.com

Start your summer off right. Seven days in Malaga, Spain. Less than 91 Euro per night. \$800 for the week. You can't touch that anywhere. Malaga, the home of Picasso. One room that

sleeps four with a full kitchen at the Club La Costa at Marina Del Sol. Dates are Friday, June 18 through June 25, 2004. Call x6735, x1216 or 335-762-5468. Ask for Kelly or Dan.

Elegant cherry wood furniture: dining table with four chairs \$200, Mirror with two sconces (accents dining set) \$40.00, coffee table with two matching end tables \$75.00, sofa table \$75.00. Misc: two lamps with lampshades \$30.00, bamboo style patio set with tempered glass includes umbrella and base \$175.00. Must see! Contact Liz or Tee 624-1502.

Sony 200 CD changer, excellent condition - \$100 OBO Call 624-0219

AFN Decoder with original box, paper work, and a satellite dish. Available now. Asking \$450.00. Call Vincent WK # 624-4250; Cell # 340-611-9930.

3 carpets available. One is black floral, two are beige. 9' X 6', \$20 each or \$50 for all three. Eddie Bauer "Pack and Play" portable playpen/bassinnet, \$40. Contact Mike or Michelle at 624-0165. Located in Mineo.

bed 250 cm x 250 cm for 400 \$ because it cannot fit in 205 housing. For more info, pls, contact 624-3618 or 3494759407. It is an italian bed and a good condition

Fire Wood (approx. 1/2 cord)- \$25; Tile 3 3/4" square rose colored ceramic tiles (71) - all for \$20; Playstation games, computer games, videos, and CD's - \$3 each; Audio cassettes - \$1 each; Lawn chairs - \$5 each.

Prices Reduced! Must sell - 220V radiator heater -\$30; 220V electric heater - \$5; 220V standup fan - \$10; Child's desk -\$10 Call 095-789-0029 or 3497517458

Horseback Riding Helmet (SEI) approved made by Lexington Safety Products in the USA, size 7 1/8, color is black velvet -\$30 or best offer. Call 095-789-0029 or 3497514758.

for sale are 2 cell phones one is a erickson data phone with stylus paid 200euro selling for 60 dollars siemens s42 cell phone with mp3 player selling for \$100. selling window air conditioner for \$70.00 paid over \$300.00 220v, only used for one season excellent condition. 2 vacuums 220v hover selling for \$40 with all attachments samsung vacuum excellent condition for \$30.00 and last Italian bed and mattress for guest room paid over 200euros selling for \$100. please call Aga or Jason at 095998063 or 3478051256 or 340-3359466 work 624-6590.

White leather couch and love seat - \$500. Sage couch, chair and half With ottoman \$500. Small computer desk with chair \$50. Call: 335-768-3760 or 624-1247 after 1800.

AFN Converter \$300.00 Available July 20. Call 335-8400-594.

PCS sale: 1 neutral gray carpet 9x12 perfect condition- \$50. 1 A/C 220vlt from NEX only used one summer- \$200. 1 A/C 110 volt- \$100. 1 A/C 110 volt- free because not in perfect condition. Call Steve or Katie x3526 before 8pm.

PCS sale: 1 220 volt dishwasher- perfect condition, a few years old- washes dishes beautifully. Fits 205 housing laundry rooms- even 2 bdrm. Have instruction manual and will give you the supplies I have for dishwasher. Only asking \$150. Call Steve or Katie x3526 before 8pm.

Text books for sale. 2-Math 107-Algebra, 2-intermediate algebra. 50% less than school price. Call Tony or Lisbeta 095-522066 or 624-2309.

Wanted

I'm looking for some outdoor furniture.... A decent sized table with umbrella and chairs to seat at least four would be ideal. If you'd like to sell at a reasonable price give me a call @ 624-3644.

A glider or rocking chair. Please call Melissa at 338-8196802 or 095-860666.

Yard Sale

Yard Sale. Saturday, June 4th, 0800-?? 1096D Hull St - Mineo. We are PCSing, everything must go.

Lost and Found

If you lost your cell phone at the Crater Pub, on or about 14 May, you can go to NAS I Security to claim it.

Jobs

Be part of a team committed to supporting the USN and your family! Navy Exchange Sigonella is currently looking for prospective associates To fill the following positions: Sales Clerk, Customer Service Clerk, Supervisor Sales Clerk, Visual Merchandise, and Personalized Service Clerk. For more information, visit the Personnel Office on the second floor of the main Navy Exchange, or contact Enzo Curcuruto at 624-4276/4275.

The US Naval Hospital, Sigonella, is soliciting for one part-time personalized service contract for a medical surgical unit registered nurse. Closing date 11 June. Sources must be eligible for US employment and US board certified. Solicitation packages are available at the supply department, purchasing office, NAS II. Call Mr. Barbagallo at 624-5725 and Nellie Barone at 624-3791.

